

Reem, 1 January 1978

Dear Mario,

All the best wishes for you and your family for 1978!

Hennie had another operation since I wrote to you last on 25 October. She still has pains from the first operation, and she now has new pains from the second.

As to World 3: it is very clear from your letters that you have forgotten what I wrote in Objective Knowledge and in Unended Quest. I apologize for not writing all this again in letters. But I would have to write again much more than I can - especially with Hennie ill. She does type, but it is very painful for her. So I refer you to Obj. Kn., esp. pp 126-190, and Unended Quest, pp. 180 to 193.

As to the list (i) to (v) in your letter of 14.10.77. (i) and (ii) ~~are to be for~~ <sup>are</sup> (v) are to be found in my logik der Forschung, which stresses that we can always assert irrefutability, but says that we should try to make theories refutable, or ~~to~~ think in terms of criticism. (ii) especially discussed in connection with Probability, (iii) is not very clearly formulated: I should have called,



I suppose, what you call "extremely  
general scientific theory" a "meta-  
physical theory". (See also Conjectures  
and Refutations.) In the logik der  
Forschung I stressed that we <sup>(as scientists)</sup> cannot  
avoid certain metaphysical assumptions.

Again all the best to you, Marta,  
and the children,

love  
Karl.

I do not wish to imply that my  
emphasis is the same as yours - I  
only wish to ~~imply~~ imply that your view  
of my philosophy is a bit over-  
simplified.

